

The internet should be a free public utility paid through taxes. Period.

—D Collins, E Moriches, NY

The internet has become very important and should be treated as a utility. There should be no fast or slow lanes for the internet. Doing so would harm many that depend on the internet.

—Sergio M Rivera, Chicago, IL

Comcast is already the worst/most disliked company in America. Giving them greater power will only lead to higher monopolistic practices and less free trade.

—Jennifer Dubrow, Bellingham, WA

There are no reasons that I can think of why everyone cannot have access to information, ie., the net.

—Laurie Price, New York, NY

You seem hellbent on destroying the free press in America at the urging of your corporate overlords. This is insane! ALL CONTENT (LEFT AND RIGHT) should travel over the entire internet at the same speed.

—Jeff Crane, Lincoln, NE

The internet is a required service in this day and age. Like electricity, it should be heavily regulated.

—Rennie Andrews II, San Diego, CA

The internet is and should be a place where all voices are equal.

—Nicole Naeve, Brooklyn, NY

All points of view must have equal access to the internet for free exchange of information. Net neutrality is the only way to preserve this!

—James K. Dotson, Half Moon Bay, CA

Dear FCC, This is America and one of the hallmarks of our country, revered the world over is freeness. Freeness of religion, to go where we choose and freedom of information. Blocking access to and censoring the internet is against basic American principles. Stand with the American majority and do not restrict access to the internet.

—Casee Maxfield, Los Angeles, CA

Net Neutrality is equivalent to freedom of speech (both legislated and enforceable).

—Arthur Connor, Idyllwild, CA

Internet for the rich is not the answer. Access should be equal for everyone. I already pay enough to have internet access. Don't let corporate greed rule the day. I will be watching closely to how you act and will oppose any changes that you propose that does not give equal access to all.

—Darryl Manthey, Wantage, NJ

The internet is not a tool for the rich only. Preserve net neutrality!

—Brian R Weeks, Flushing, NY

The internet as it is today is working for Americans like nothing else is. It needs to be left alone to foster small business and families. It is irresponsible to give in to the communication companies that want to control the internet. As an organic and growing facet of our society, it's working beautifully. Please protect it; keep it neutral.

—Valerie Crawford, McMinnville, OR

I believe that everyone should have equal access to the Internet.

—Susan Davenport, Simi Valley, CA

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers! The internet has grown into the indispensable tool that it is because it is ACCESSABLE by one and all. ANY move to alter that is DANGEROUS to our society and to the economy.

—Gary Myrick, Fort Worth, TX

The internet is the last TRULY FREE place on earth! Do not let it get destroyed!

—Ben Bouissieres, Bloomington, MN

COME ON! Leave a little something for us "little guys"--must EVERYTHING be grabbed and controlled by the money-making giants, for Christ's sake?

—Richard Burrows, Bonney Lake, WA

All Americans, business people and consumers, need a TRULY Open Internet, with real Net Neutrality. Rules currently proposed with destroy the Internet as known so far, make business growth and innovation impossible, and lead to more monopoly control of communications. This can be repaired easily! RECLASSIFY the INTERNET as a TELECOMMUNICATIONS carrier. This is what it is! Make Net Neutrality REAL and PERMANENT. Sincerely, James D. Findlay

—James Findlay, Los Angeles, CA

Seriously sick of OUR government handing over control of everything to big money and big corporations. Government of the people, by the people and for the people is rapidly vanishing. Let's not hand over the internet.

—Ms. Michele Hart-Rico, Los Angeles, CA

Please protect Net Neutrality - the internet belongs to all of us!

—Lynne Teplin, Bronxville, NY

The internet has replaced land line telephones for many forms of communication and via VOIP is, in fact, the method by which MANY home telephone signals are provided. Allowing ISP companies to sell higher speed transmission to companies is unfair to the subscriber who is paying to get a service. The consumer is paying to receive internet at a speed the consumer chooses- NOT to receive SOME internet at the speed the consumer chooses and OTHER internet the ISP deems less desirable at a LOWER speed. I am paying for my internet service. It should be up to ME what I do with it and what data I want to receive and from what individuals, organizations, and companies I want- NOT the ISP. That would be like allowing a telephone company to determine who can call me on my telephone and how clear the transmission of that call will be based on whether the caller paid them a fee ahead of time.

—Megan Vicino-Collins, Halethorpe, MD

The internet, with the utility and connectivity it provides, is a public resource and and a beacon of hope for any good idea or brilliant person.

—William Branton, scituate, MA

I don't want to be discriminated against. I am disabled and living very rurally, I cannot afford extra fees for high speed internet. Please don't end Net Neutrality.

—Vivian S. Valtri Burgess, Granville, VT

Keep the internet open. Insist that all ISPs provide the full bandwidth to everyone. Insist on bandwidth quality for every subscriber. Make true broadband available to everyone in the USA.

—Paul Lazar, Santa Clara, CA

This is discrimination and greed at work.

—Chinh Do, Springfield, MA

Keeping the internet free and neutral would allow equal access for all citizens, regardless of class and socio-economic status, to be able to utilize the benefits of one of the greatest and most important technological advances of the 21st century.

—Elias Garcia, San Fernando, CA

Google searches about controversial subjects are censored! Results have little to do with the search terms entered. Whether you agree with Google's opinion on a particular subject or not, as the world's biggest English language search engine they should be required to provide unbiased access to writings/opinions/materials on controversial subjects. Otherwise they are engaged in illicit censorship. The U.S. law requiring equal time for alternate opinions in response to editorials by broadcasters/publishers should be reinstated. Unbiased access to information on controversial subjects is becoming extremely rare as we drift toward Communist-style controls. This tendency must be countered and reversed.

—Bruce W. Hain, Brooklyn, NY

ISPs are utilities, nothing more. There's no fast lane or slow lane for the delivery of my water, gas or electricity, and there shouldn't be such variants for Internet data. Just deliver the data, and let the users decide what, if anything, to do with the data. In the end, the users pay the bills that keep the Internet going. Put the users first! We deserve that much consideration.

—Donald Figge, Tucson, AZ

TIME FOR THE FCC TO TAKE CARE OF THE INTERNET.....FOR THE PEOPLE!!!

—Emil D Younger Jr, Meeker, OK

It's unconscionable to make an internet "slow lane" or require payment in order to compete on line. Ridiculous and un-American to find yet another way to suppress the "little guy" and to exact more money from the public. The implications of such a move would be reminiscent living in North Korea. Comcast's business practices are already in violation of the Sherman Antitrust Act. It is already a monopoly. Where I live, it is the only supplier of internet. That is a monopoly. Now, you folks at the FCC want to make things worse.

—Patience Hayes, Chicago, IL

Reclassify all ISPs as common carriers.

—Barbara Hipps, Memphis, TN

Fast and slow lanes on the Internet are a very bad idea: essentially the same as letting the 1% decide everyone else's speed. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers!

—Ann Thryft, Boulder Creek, CA

The internet was created as a free method of communication. Why do you think it should involve money?? Wealth - or lack thereof - has become the motivating factor - you should be ashamed.

—Mary Ann Dean, Eden Prairie, MN

We need real net neutrality. The pretense proposed by Wheeler won't even come close. You must realize this. Wheeler is not the right leader for this crucial issue!

—David Rogg, Oakton, VA

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Net neutrality now.

—Germone Southall, Portland, OR

there is too much inequality in the world already. let's keep the internet neutral!

—Lisa Ray, San Antonio, TX

IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THE INTERNET REMAIN OPEN TO ALL AT THE SAME RATE. A TWO-TIER SYSTEM WILL ONCE AGAIN ALLOW BIG BUSINESS TO MAKE EVEN MORE MONEY ON THE BACKS OF THE REST OF US. WE NOW PAY MORE FOR LESS SERVICE AND SPEED THAN MOST COUNTRIES. VERIZON, COMCAST, ETC SHOULD BE SPENDING MONEY ON BETTER AND MORE SERVICE RATHER THAN LOBBYING THE FCC TO DO THEIR BIDDING. BARBARA PEREA

—Barbara Perea, San Francisco, CA

Every one should have free and equal access to the internet, not just the wealthiest.

—Cecil Gabriel, Portland, OR

Net neutrality is necessary for innovation. Without it, some of the most successful people would have never had a chance to do anything. Please, save us all and do not pass these rules. Data is equal.

—Alex Varone, Saint James, NY

Net Neutrality is important to me in my everyday job. I work for an emerging antenna manufacturer building microwave antennas and we need to keep internet access as open as possible for our company to thrive.

—Adam W. Oster, Fall City, WA

There is too little competition now between the media, ISPs, and the telephone companies. For democracy to thrive we need a level playing field where all ideas and points of view can be shared without being comprised by slow download or upload speeds. Currently the cable and satellite TV providers provide horrible service at extortionist prices. Allowing these companies to throttle any competition is not the way to obtain good service at reasonable prices.

—Janna Caughron, Reno, NV

The internet service providers should be classified as common carriers. It is how they function, and how they should be regulated. We must not have another critical way in which the rich become richer.

—Betty Lawrence, Asheville, NC

People need to be able to do things in a timely manner on line. If speed regresses to slow for non-payers of higher fees, you'll lose a lot of customers among those unable to pay so much. You think they don't count? The big fish feed on the little ones; if the little ones are out of the pond, the big fish get hungry.

—Alna, Cornville, AZ

Stop the big ISPs from slowing the internet.

—Donald Sims, Orangevale, CA

Net neutrality keeps the internet democratic. I want equal access to my local businesses and hobby / special interest sites as big corporations and internet providers get. Comcast and TWC should not be tweaking anyone's speeds either. The internet is a public utility and should have the same access as water, electricity, and highways.

—Richard Andriola, Kearny, NJ

Ultimately, a 'neutral net' will generate prosperity for all of us - not just a privileged few. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—R Thorne, Elgin, IL

I don't think there should be a fast lane or a dirt road on the Internet. Chairman Wheeler, please rethink this proposal.

—Ellen Kent, Winchester, VA

If Citizen's United was the last nail in democracy's coffin, ending real net neutrality would be locking the coffin in a burial vault.

—Mr. John Faust, Huachuca City, AZ

The internet must be equally accessible to all to maintain its vitality!

—Joanne Fetting, whitefish bay, WI

The right to communication and right to information are cornerstones of our present democracy. We cannot and must not and will not allow these rights to be controlled by corporations who only care about the bottom line. Please protect our rights.

—Tom Noonan, Hancock, NY

The internet is as necessary as telephone and electricity. It should be classified as a common carrier, with the same rules and accessibility as those products. A two tiered internet is NOT FREE or NEUTRAL. It is only for the GREED of the telecoms. Classify the internet as a common carrier and stop kow towing to the big monied interests. I want free and open access to everything, and I do not want the small isps to be choked out.

—Cheri Langlois, Mendocino, CA

I oppose two tier internet service. The internet is not broken, so don't fix it. I wish to have the highest internet speed possible and not a two tier system. Increase ALL user's speed. There is no reason to have a two tier system. Scrap the big cable providers proposal, period.

—Kenneth P Gresk, Manchester, CT

REAL Net Neutrality Now. Common carrier status regulation.

—Michael Mathers, Gilbert, AZ

Tom Wheeler is handing the telecommunications a gift at the expense of everyone in America. He is a traitor to democracy.

—Ms. Jan Kimbrough, Valley Village, CA

I will not tolerate slow internet when I already have to pay extra for the fastest internet I can get.

—Matt Flohre, Lima, OH

Under this administration, more and more freedoms are being trifled with or just plain taken away from us. There's been a growing class system mentality and the only winners are the heavy campaign contributors - the infamous 1%. The FCC is going the same way the USDA and the FDA have, selling out to corporate interests and greed. Don't do this. It's wrong and you know it.

—Maureen Bennett, Aurora, OH

Make the internet a public utility and protect it from corporate abuse. The internet belongs to EVERYONE equally.

—Jeri Khajeh-Noori, Clearwater, FL

Do not give corporations the right to run our Internet. They are NOT to be trusted.

—Mr. James McKelvey, Santa Clarita, CA

You will hurt more than you think IF you end net neutrality.... I now pay for a high speed internet connection.... I fully plan to step down to the slowest, cheapest connection possible. No more cable internet for me.... You will hurt the economy if you end neutrality.

—Harold Anderson, seattle, WA

Companies can buy tyranny if allowed to purchase "faster lanes"

—Kathy Oliver, Santa Barbara, CA

I'm just tired of megacorporations taking over everything.

—Libby J. Goldstein, Philadelphia, PA

Throw out FCC rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. You are again removing our freedoms and setting up a system to further cost users. We paid for this system through our government taxes and we should not have to be gouged by monopoly cable corporations.

—Bonnie Janney, Pinckney, MI

Preserve the internet as it is now. Don't let corporate America rule the internet, which is currently an open avenue for free speech. Don't ruin the good thing we ALL have.

—Dennis Gunn, des moines, IA

Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.

—Carolyn Pettis, Santa Clarita, CA

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—Kenneth C. Robertson, Kansas City, MO

I Demand nothing less than real Net Neutrality

—Heather Bettinger, Springville, NY

The Internet needs to be open to all instead of just those with money. This is another example of the rich keeping down the poor. Please do not allow this inequality to happen.

—Tobin McCracken, Austin, TX

Net Neutrality is important to me because I can't afford for the prices to go up again and again. I've been out of work much too long now. For the most part the only way I can apply for jobs is through the Internet. It takes hours as it is to apply for one single job sometimes due to the amount of testing involved. I also use it for all my financial transactions and most of my shopping. Of course it is my main source of entertainment as well, especially since I can't afford cable or satellite TV. It's how I keep up on the news, communicate with friends and even attend college at times. The Internet should in all rights be free for everyone as it has become such a large part of our lives. If you give the big companies the power they are seeking then only the few will be able to use this service properly. Do your jobs! Represent the people which is how it should be...not service to the corporations.

—Michel Franc, Franklin, NC

All Americans should be given the same access - at the same speeds - to the internet! Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Be different, be courageous and do the right thing for ALL Americans, not just the rich ones.

—Barbara Finch, Silver Spring, MD

I live in rural Missouri and rely on the internet for my connection with urban America. Don't deprive me of access to all of the real news in the world. Throw out the new rules and classify ISPs as common carriers.

—Cathie Schneider, Squires, MO

I'm already tired of paying exorbitant rates for mediocre service, and you want to reward these greedy corporations? The cost to consumers, however, is trivial compared to the dumping down of the content that is sure to follow this action. My son in high school receives assignments requiring the use of the Internet almost daily. The education of our children is in the hands of these moguls, and the kids deserve better. You cannot learn critical thinking without exposure to a rich variety of ideas and opinions. Unfortunately, that is not the most profitable way for ISPs to run their companies. If we want a generation of sheep to be entrusted with our country's future, you are well on track with Tom Wheeler's plan. R M McKinney

—R M McKinney, FT LAUDERDALE, FL

Net Neutrality = freedom of speech and access to the internet for everyone!

—Melanie Rising, Worcester, MA

Internet speed/use should be exactly the same as telephone, electricity, cable TV, or any other public service that is for sale...all customers are equal !

—Richard Brunke, Jacksonville, FL

Please don't allow fast, and slow, cheap and, xpnsive lanes on the internet. Represent thmpeopl, not th big companies

—Jeff lowenfels, Anchorage, AK

Maybe you should try protecting the people instead of the corporations. Communications need to remain open to all not just the big companies who are willing to pay more.

—Tony Corrente, Marietta, GA

The Internet needs to remain a level playing field.

—Don B Stewart, West Reading, PA

It would be tragic if the internet became as obnoxious as cable TV service. This FCC will live in infamy for generations if Wheeler's plan goes through. Our children will tell their children about how good it used to be when they were young.

—Alex Friedman, Walnut Creek, CA

Internet Service Providers are common carriers and should be regulated as such to ensure a semblance of net neutrality.

—Floyd O'Brien, Stockton, CA

ISP's should remain common carriers and equal access to all!

—Normand Dufresne, pahoo, HI

According to Ralph "Bernie needs it"

—Arthur Kennedy, Isla ista, CA

I don't want the big companies to decide who's information get's put out on the web. Small companies, and America's future depend on the fairness and openness of the web.

—Heath Holbert, Gillett, AR

We need a free and open internet to continue to stimulate creativity and free speech.

—Dr. Kenneth Adler, Sylvania, OH

Ahem. We have shitty, slow, expensive internet service in the US. Private companies operating without regulation are doing a piss poor job. We should not reward their failure by allowing them to charge differentially. Equality is the norm and it should stay that way. Obama campaigned on it, and there is no reason for him not to keep this promise.

—William B. Turner Ph.D., J.D., Madison, WI

Dear FCC, why should groups that are able to pay enormous sums have the option of having a faster internet? It is patently unfair and undemocratic.

—Joyce R. Farber, San Francisco, CA

I am a software engineer. The internet is the only way for me to bring my goods to the market. I cannot pay huge sums of money to get access to my customers. If I am stuck in the slow lane I will be forced out of business.

—Paul McCarthy, San Jose, CA

Keep Your Corporate Hands Off My Internet!

—tomdog Klisuric, Castle Rock, WA

We supposedly live in a democratic society, where the 1st Amendment guarantees our right to free speech and some semblance of privacy. Having various internet providers block access to the NET and "share" users' information with the NSA amounts to a violation of said privacy and jeopardizes whatever remnants of democracy we still might enjoy.

—Nicolas S Humphrey Ph.D., Green Bay, WI

I simply can't believe the BRAZEN attempt by our own government agency to give net neutrality and freedom away to a few greedy corporate giants!!

—Karl Jensen, Emerald Hills, CA

Support an open, unfettered, and unmanipulated internet.

—Jeff Dean, Homer, AK

I do not agree with a multiple tiered internet system. I believe that a single tiered system keeps the internet on an equal playing field and should stay that way. You should throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Jesse Beddingfield, hendersonville, NC

No one entity or corporation should've be able to decide what every person can or cannot view on the net

—Alex Rogan, sedona, AZ

Reclassifying ISPs as common carriers would ensure that everyone has equal access to the Internet. Companies that want to sell us content should compete on the basis of the quality of that content, not on control of access. The choice of what content we the people want to see must rest with us, and we can only exercise that choice if it is kept separate from how we connect to the Internet in the first place.

—Peter Donis, Sterling, VA

The internet will not be a level playing field under the new rules. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Mark T Kraemer, Tampa, FL

I want to be able to access information that is important to me without having to pay a higher surcharge. The internet should be considered to be a public utility. Our freedom depends upon it being made so.

—LaVaughn Rynearson, Wolcott, NY

All should have should have access to the net without corporations deciding who gets to do what based on what they want to charge. Everyone already is paying these companies for access to our smart phones and internet. Communication and education should be unfettered and there for all without corporate control!

—Kathleen Hicks, clearwater, FL

Net Nuetrality is important to me because without it the internet isn't the internet anymore; the internet IS Net Nuetrality.

—Bryan Stevens, Arroyo Grande, CA

The Internet is a wonderful place to communicate, to share new ideas, to bring people closer together, and to shape a future, one byte sent and received at a time. Net Neutrality is a crucial component to making it happen, just as we need less roadblocks on our commutes so that we can make the work that could make an impact happen. The Internet doesn't affect our nation, but it affects the world. We cannot let our strong and proud nation be covered up by what ISPs do or can do, so net neutrality must stay.

—Alexander Tsui, NJ, NJ

THROW OUT YOUR OUTDATED RULES AND RECLASSIFY ISPs AS COMMON CARRIERS AND PROTECT NET NEUTRALITY. AT&T, COMCAST AND VERIZON ALREADY CONTROL TOO MUCH OF THEIR MARKETS AND HAVE NOT MADE GOOD ON EARLIER PROMISES. DOES ANYBODY KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO BROADBAND FOR EVERYONE?

—Donald B Gingrich, I, PA

Kids need the internet to study for school. If some people can't afford the internet then kids will at a disadvantage scholastically just because they can't afford internet. Keep the net neutral.

—Josh, Ft collins, CO

The Internet should be recognized for what it is, a utility we all depend upon now for fair and equal participation in modern democratic society. Pay to play bandwidth has no more validity than super highways for the wealthy. Abandon these proposed rule changes and preserve Net Neutrality.

—John Grosjean, Acton, MA

Access to the internet must continue to be available to all equally - no special interests should be allowed to have faster or different access. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers so there is no discrimination.

—Toni Lubofsky, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA

Net neutrality is vital to preserve innovation and equality for all Americans. Please keep net neutrality.

—Ray Martinez, Boise, ID

Mr. Wheeler, As Chairman of the FCC, you should protect real Net Neutrality by throwing out the existing FCC rules and instead reclassifying ISPs as common carriers. As a federal employee representing us, the real people, you should exercise your job professionally and stand up for real Net Neutrality.

—Victor Becerra, Ames, IA

Tom Wheeler should take a flying fuck along with his rules and shit mind thoughts of a two tiered Internet. You motherfuckers are past the nickel and dime process of fucking with all of the people under your watchful eye. Some day this will come back to bite all of you greedy pricks, and it may be coming sooner than you expect. I went to VietNam for assholes like you to fuck over me as I spend my 69th year on this fucked up country that you have created for all your rich friends. I seriously think that all the wrong people died during that war. Think twice about what you create jagoff!

—Donald Lanktree, Chicago, IL

Net neutrality is what ensured users were willing to innovate and be profound even if they were barely scratching out a living. Any entity willing to take that away from the people is fundamentally rotten to the core. They would be the bane of society as we know it, and a hindrance to future advancements, by the people, for the people.

—David Hampton MacDonell, Irving, TX

Economics and freedom and opposing the Republican party on ALL issues!

—John, Lima, OH

It's very clear that the internet has become essential to our revered democracy, and that attempts to limit the public's access are further selling it out from under us. It's irrefutable evidence of the corruption rampant in our governmental agencies.

—Honora-Bright Aere, Blodgett, OR

The FCC's proposed rules are a gift to corporate ISPs. To serve the public interest you must throw out these rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Micaela Pronio, Oakland, CA

I'm a video maker on YouTube, where I talk about video games. Now, would it make sense for Xbox users to get better connections than Nintendo or Playstation users? Then WHY WOULD THE FCC WANT TO ALLOW ISPs TO ADD A FAST LANE FOR THOSE WHO PAY!?

—Adam Lutz, Scottsdale, AZ

We are past the point of the internet being an "option" in citizen's lives. All institutions, including public agencies, education, as well as homes rely on the internet. It MUST be treated as a public utility, distributed equally, and governed as such.

—Marilyn Jasper, Loomis, CA

Like most of us everyday people, we depend on the internet. If the FCC allows slow and fast lanes, the majority of this country will suffer. Is your job to represent the people or the corporations because given what the corporations want, you can't have it both ways. With your background, I feel you're the wolf guarding the hen house. Do the right thing and mandate the internet is a utility. Since the government built it, why should the corporations be the only ones to benefit from it?

—Marcy Donaldson, Denver, CO

A Democracy requires uninhibited access to free interchange of ideas, both then good and the not so good, in order to achieve that democracy. Denying 'Net Neutrality' prohibits that freedom necessary for our democracy.

—Norman Kindig, Yorba Linda, CA

To foster innovation by small companies!

—Stuart Montgomery, Mountain View, CA

Net neutrality protects innovation in business and education alike. Ending net neutrality would foreclose young people's opportunity to learn and excel in both the classroom and the marketplace, and harm American competitiveness in the global digital world.

—Dan Royles, East Elmhurst, NY

The internet was developed with tax payer money. Corporations are not entitled to now charge us again for what we already paid for. This only allows the rich to get richer at the expense of the other 99%. ISPs should all be treated as common carriers. Anything else, and you are just tools for the mega-corporations and ultra-rich.

—Mignon Schrick, Madison, NJ

Small businesses need access on equal footing with mega-corporations. Internet belongs to the people, not the corporations who want to take it over. Deciding on content also should not be the right of these corporations.

—Conrad Miller, Watermill, NY

Instead of even considering this issue, the FCC should be looking at putting some of these corporations (because apparently they are people) in prison for extortion - they ALREADY slow down the internet on target companies during negotiations. Their tactics are no different from any other organized crime family.

—Mr. Douglas Myerscough, Eureka Springs, AR

As a small business operating for the last 32 years successfully, the implementation of the internet has allowed our business to grow and for us to pay our employees fair wages and give them health care benefits (even better thanks to the Affordable Care Act) and to hire more people. we are a small 12 employee company that pays our taxes (no - not the sweetheart tax rate that Mitt Romney and GE and the billionaire class pay but the higher rate we small fish are forced to pay to subsidize THEIR BOTTOM lines) and we are patriotic, compassionate and fair minded people and corporation. Our website helped our business get this far. The internet access has allowed us to access research we would never have been able to find or incorporate into using to produce the highest quality products possible. This proposed change and loss of net neutrality is a foolish idea and once again gives yet ANOTHER advantage to mega corporations and puts yet ANOTHER ROADBLOCK IN FRONT OF SMALL BUSINESS THAT EMPLOY THE LARGEST NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTRY. If the FCC goes through with this unfair, damaging, and basically stupid step of making it harder for us small business to compete and grow, it proves once again the degree of inequality the USA has reached and one more reason for the working Americans to stand up and revolt against the ever increasing tide of big money influence in every part of our lives. DO NOT ALLOW NET NEUTRALITY TO END. THE INTERNET BELONGS TO EVERYONE IN AMERICA, NOT JUST THE FILTHY RICH CORPORATE WORLD. WE PAID THE TAXES TO ALLOW THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE INTERNET AND EXPAND IT. WHY SHOULD 1% OF AMERICA BE ALLOWED TO USE THE "FAST LANE" WHILE 99.9% OF AMERICA BE SHUT OUT???? GIVE US ONE GOOD REASON FOR THIS TO HAPPEN. SO FAR THE ONLY REASON IS GREED.

—Mrs. Jeanette Pickett, Jasper, GA

An open internet must be preserved, and paid prioritization deals banned.

—Claudia La Rue, San Diego, CA

I am outraged that the FCC is contemplating allowing a two-tiered transmission speed over the Internet, with content companies having to pay a premium to cable companies for the higher speed the content companies need to compete. The FCC needs to work with its lawyers to make certain that the actual net neutrality to which all Internet cable companies had to subscribe prior to a recent court ruling is the net neutrality they create in the current FCC rule-making process.

—Paul M. Rybski, Whitewater, WI

I'm already paying to access the internet. I don't need the access I'm paying for slowed to a snail's crawl due to multinational skullduggery (a more politically correct name for cable company fu**ery).

—Dr. Frank Starr, Tampa, FL

All fascist, tyrannical, evil rulerships (attempt to) restrict or remove their subjects' access to information-for the obvious purpose of hiding the criminality, corruption, and evil that permeates the ruling class. And if more \$ can be taken (stolen) from the subjects in the process, all the better! It's no surprise to many that the USSA is now preparing to follow this model.

—Paul R Albrecht, Phila., PA

I need to know that the information that I receive through the Internet isn't being slowed or held back because of its content. The easiest way to achieve that is requiring all traffic to be equal and to have equal priority.

—Michael Bishop, Northampton, MA

As one who earned my MSW not knowing I was growing a brain tumor, and later had major brain surgery and brain loss, I lost my own potential for higher income, after working with others on low income. How I used the internet for so much of my mental 'practice' to get my mind moving forwards. Beyond the fact that so many low-income are women raising children, they NEED the assistance of the internet, as so much of our world is now online. Not to mention that this IS our current means of distributing information, and why our Bill of Rights includes "freedom of the press", demonstrated visiting the town of Williamsburg, Virginia.

—Elizabeth Zenker, Arcata, CA

Because the internet should be a neutral place for people to learn and communicate with others, not have to pay for the privilege of corporate "truth". The FCC already has a conflict of interest and should be dismissing themselves from this entire process. But since you're not, surprise us by taking the cable companies' hands out of your back pocket and do the right thing.

—Debbie Schmidt, Lancaster, CA

Net Neutrality is essential to protecting innovation and freedom on the internet. If the internet transforms to a "pay to play" culture, hundreds of thousands of important ideas and content will be drowned out by players with deeper pockets.

—Ori Rawlings, Crystal Lake, IL

Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Gary and Seraphina Landgrebe, Soquel, CA

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Level the playing field.

—Tom Durkin, Nevada City, CA

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers, and protect real Net Neutrality. Thank you

—Kim, Palo alto, CA

Do the right thing and save net neutrality! The playing field is never level but it's much less biased with net neutrality in place. DO THE RIGHT THING AND SAVE NET NEUTRALITY!

—Christine Roberts, Ben Lomond, CA

Net Neutrality is about equality, it's as simple as that.

—Robert F Chunco, Sacramento, CA

With cable and telecoms dominating the ISP market, they don't need more power or market leverage. And we should be encouraging competition in the internet services market, not discouraging it by giving established companies access to a different tier of data infrastructure. The American people want a more transparent, more competitive, more open and more free internet.

—Matthew Hubbs, Brooklyn, NY

Obama and Wheeler are BIG LIARS. If approved, these rules would mean the end of Net Neutrality. LIARS LIARS LIARS. Throw out the rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Ms. Suzanna Davis, medford, OR

must keep the field level. no favorites or cheaters

—Vin Agmen, Carson City, NV

I don't want internet providers to decide how they will present websites on the Internet. The Internet should be a public property that providers can utilize but not decide how to manipulate. I want Net Neutrality.

—Michael Goldberg, Ocean Park, WA

Net neutrality is vital to me because I still believe democracy is possible and I love our constitution. This is not an issue of commerce, it is one of our ability to participate, speak, and share information equally. Given the way we live now, the internet is our commons, our public place of "assembly" where we may practice our constitutional right to exchange ideas and information that is so critical to democracy. "Those who won our independence believed that the final end of the State was to make men free to develop their faculties, and that, in its government, the deliberative forces should prevail over the arbitrary... They believed that freedom to think as you will and to speak as you think are means indispensable to the discovery and spread of political truth; that, WITHOUT FREE SPEECH AND ASSEMBLY, DISCUSSION WOULD BE FUTILE; that, with them, discussion affords ordinarily adequate protection against the dissemination of noxious doctrine; that the greatest menace to freedom is an inert people; that public discussion is a political duty, and that this should be a fundamental principle of the American government..... Believing in the power of reason as applied through public discussion, they eschewed silence ...RECOGNIZING THE OCCASIONAL TYRANNIES OF GOVERNING MAJORITIES, they amended the Constitution so that free speech and ASSEMBLY SHOULD BE GUARANTEED." Justice Louis Brandeis' opinion in *Whitney v. California* 74 U.S. 357 (1927) By enabling those groups with the financial resources to buy faster connection "lanes," all others will be crowded out or sidelined to the equivalent of suppression of innovation and the access to free speech that is so critical to a free people. I request that the FCC reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Carol Follett, Bellingham, WA

I am sick of our entire government being bought and paid for by corporations. You need to decide that Net Neutrality is important. The cable/phone companies have monopolies now. We deserve the right to have a free and neutral internet. This goes to the heart of free speech! The United States is being bought and paid for with Citizens United and now we have this. Please don't sell anymore of our freedom to the corporations. We have had enough! Thank you!

—Susan Smith, Pelion, SC

It is a COMMON CARRIER. It is VITAL to our Democracy. It is NOT the free and open playground for the Oligarchs to make money, manipulate, and control. Stop being a hack.

—Steven trevallee, Seattle, WA

When powerful companies (like Verizon, Comcast, et al) control what we see of the world, our citizenry's appreciation and understanding of our world is greatly diminished. The open Internet has enhanced our sense of our world. Giving powerful rich companies a tiered - thus discriminatory - internet will reduce the richness of our citizenry's lives. Please classify ISPs as common carriers. Net Neutrality will provide for a better world. John Gittins, North Brookfield, MA 01535

—John Gittins, North Brookfield, MA

we all deserve the same net experience

—David Shaw, Saint Albans, WV

If the FCC is a governing body, please do not let the corporate world create a two tier Internet. The basic principle of the internet is to provide equal service to all users. NO to the creation of a two tier Internet. Thanks

—David Richardson, Redwood City, CA

Keep the internet equality alive for all people. No more regulations, rules, etc. We are already paying for different tiers of service speeds. Enough is enough.

—Memoree VanderHeyden, West Bend, WI

In a democracy it is important that the internet not be controlled by mega giants like ATT&T and Comcast who are already gouging their customers for their services. Please preserve real Net Neutrality

—Judith Cohen, Seattle, WA

My husband and I just browse the internet and don't want to be considered "second class citizens" of the web. If something is not broken why does the government have to break it? Please keep net neutrality.

—Andrea Davies, St Louis, MO

Plesas reclassify ISP's as common carriers. Preserve real net neutrality.

—Brent Supperstein, COS, CO

I've been online since 1999 and I love how big or little everyone has a voice. Unless you change things. The internet deserves to be reclassified as a utility since we all depend on it so much and all the innovation we have had would not have been possible if there had not been net neutrality. Every few years this issue comes up spurred on by big business. Please be on the people's side, on the innovator's side and keep it neutral.

—Joan Allen, Surfside Beach, SC

Free for all as it should be

—Pamela Hoagland, San Antonio, TX

Please treat broadband as the utility it is and stop allowing content conglomerates to exert so much anticompetitive and financially irresponsible behavior.

—John Michels, Sedona, AZ

You need to keep your greedy hands off everything! All you do is screw things up!

—Jon VanBeber, El Dorado, KS

Dear Mr. Wheeler: Contrary to what you claimed, your plan does not guarantee Net Neutrality. It puts profits over the common good. Your plan would allow ISPs like Verizon to create a two-tiered Internet, which would discriminate against the poor. The people who cannot afford higher prices would not have the same access to information as those who can afford to pay the extra fees. Under your proposal, we would be unable to stop that, as all ISPs would engage in that practice. The Internet is now a necessity, not a luxury, like cable TV. We depend on it to communicate with far-flung friends, family, and colleagues. Under your proposal, ISPs could discriminate against online content and applications. They could double-dip and make excessive profits by charging sites like Google to be a "premium" site, then turn around and charge customers to have access to those same "premium" sites. We need a neutral Internet in order to access difficult-to-find primary sources that cannot be found in the library. If your proposal is passed, ISPs could choke sites like <http://www2.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/> and <http://www.icij.org/>, making them unusable. This would make it difficult to be an informed voter, especially if you cannot afford to pay for a "premium" Internet. This is a form of censorship. Nobody should be able to tell me what I can and cannot see on the Internet. The only real way to protect the Internet is to reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thank you. Very truly yours,

—Michelle Wright, Dorchester, MA

My freedom of speech and privacy is not negotiable.

—Amanda Maloney, Schenectady, NY

The internet has replaced phone companies as the way that people communicate. People are no longer getting home phones like they used to--cell phones and internet are way more important. ISPs did NOT develop the web and do NOT deserve to make additional profit from it. Plus, these companies are really not providing that great a service--there are third-world countries that have better internet service than the U.S. AND it is cheaper--not just better service but less expensive too. For a change, why not do the right thing? Classify ISPs as common carriers.

—T Waggoner, AI, WA

Please continue net neutrality as it is, or remove the director if he wants to continue with his new plan.

—Donald J. Hart Jr., Seattle, WA

please protect net neutrality before it becomes too expensive for people like me.

—Janice Hanninen, republic, MI

The importance of an open and level playing field to disseminate information is paramount to a free society. Imagine a company being able to allocate how much air and when was available to you. The internet is a common carrier, it is self evident. Please work to keep the playing field level for everyone, from the poorest to the wealthiest. This is a very important moment in our history, be remembered well for your wisdom: ISPs = Common Carrier.

—Michael Bear, Spokane, WA

REAL Net Neutrality is important to me because it allows and American small business, entrepreneurs, and citizens to connect and communicate on a fair and even playing field. If the FCC really gave a damn about the American people it would not allow FCC Chairman Tom Wheelers plan to go through. This will only ensure that big monopolies make more money while the average American will struggle, getting the unfair short end of the stick. Its disgusting to me to see how money drives our political system and it infuriates me that the government would a former venture capitalist and lobbyist for Cable and wireless companies in charge of a communications commission like the FCC. This commission is suppose to look out for the interests of consumers however its obvious that they do not have our best interests in mind, and rather have the interests of these large conglomerates such as AT&T, Comcast and Verizon. Undoing REAL Net Neutrality means jeopardizing America's technological and economic future. All so these companies can make a extra buck! I urge you to reconsider your plans and keep things simple as they always have been; no fast or slow lanes, just fair and equal treatment of all internet content. Nothing more nothing less....if its not broken why fix it?

—Dustin d'Arnault, Dallas, TX

I support Net neutrality not because I adore the FCC or love additional regulation but because I believe the United States should not be following the lead of authoritarian countries like China and Saudi Arabia in trying to implement a separate internet: one a brisk and smoothly run conduit for the elite and another a congealed sludge-glutted gutter for the rest of us underlings.

—James Walz, Vancouver, WA

NO to online discrimination for wealthy company's. NO to ANY online discrimination, ever!

—Amy Vickery, Taos, NM

There are already enough arenas of participation in the U.S. where economic power translates into overall dominance. Creativity and sustainability can be discouraged by nothing but such hierarchies. Hierarchy is wisely balanced out by equality, by egalitarian forums.

—Colleen M Szabo, crystal falls, MI

Stop this attack on the free internet.

—Robert M. Gantt M.D., Oxford, GA

There was a time when I thought deregulation really would be a benefit to the American public. Over time though I've come to realize it was just a grab for corporate interests all along. When you consider what's happened to telecommunications and cable it has been moved from one monopoly to a small number of fiefdoms. And now this. The United States ranks 28th in the world for internet service. We don't even have universal service in the US. ISPs have spent a fortune lobbying states to outlaw municipal internet service, even where they don't provide it. The FCC, which was ostensibly formed to protect the citizen has, like most agencies, become a bludgeon against them. Instead of forcing competition, improved and universal service it has provided a path for the media corporations and ISPs to skim more money out of the American people. When you sit quietly and consider your mandate as chairman of the FCC does it ever occur to you to question why more and more citizens see the government as an obstacle? Does it occur to you that the internet is more than a delivery source for terrible movies and cat videos? Do you think that it really is a strategic asset and its very strength is in providing an egalitarian information source for everyone in this country? Or is it just another source of money for corporations? I guess the choice you have to decide personally is, do you want to support the people's sense of fair play and a chance in the face of billions of dollars of lobbying money? Or do you want to support the cynicism summarized by Brad Pitt when he played Jackie Cogan in Killing Them Softly. In case you didn't see that movie due to poor cable or internet service here were his final lines; "I live in America. In America you're on your own. America isn't a country, it's a business. Now f#@&ing pay me!" Which is it Chairman Wheeler?

—John Fran, New York, NY

My small business runs on a free and open Internet. If this is changed to favor big biz I will have to go out of business after more than ten years on the net.

—Bill Roecker, Oceanside, CA

Democracy is not about the majority ruling so much as it is about the minority having rights in society. Please stop the financial majority from quashing minority rights by maintaining net neutrality. A free and open internet is vital to keep this country as well as the world from becoming a dystopian state where the folks with the money are rampantly allowed to keep the folks without underfoot.

—Dr. Sean Thomas Emerick, Trafford, PA

NO TO ENDING NET NEUTRALITY. WE NEED LEVEL PLAYING FIELDS FOR ALL PEOPLE. MONEY SHOULD NOT BE THE MEASURE OF WHO IS MORE DESERVING AS AN AMERICAN.

—Carol Perry, Las Vegas, NV

The internet should be a level playing field for all, not fast-tracked for the wealthy!

—Ken Maurice, Caernarfon, AK

FCC, throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Paul Henry, Stoneham, MA

The internet must remain equally available to everyone as the last refuge of freedom in this country.

—Randall Webb, Portland, OR

The Internet is the last remaining space in our society that is truly free and equal. We need competition. We need new ideas. Please maintain absolute net neutrality. To do anything else would only continue to benefit the few at the great expense of the many.

—Elizabeth Eyerer, Jamaica Plain, MA

PLEASE DON'T KILL NET NEUTRALITY!!

—Valerie Anderson, Candler, NC

Corporations have enough power over regular people in the world. This is a violation of free speech. Information should not be throttled.

—Catherinemn007@gmailcom, Washington, DC

"I'm a strong supporter of the Open Internet, and I will fight to keep the internet open." May 20, 2014 Tom Wheeler Chairman Federal Communications Commission Actions speak louder than words. Preserve net neutrality.

—Donna Weller, Whitefish Bay, WI

By all means let the FCC restore REAL Net Neutrality.

—Paul R Muns, Patterson, LA

Stop your support of the oligarchy which is at it's core UNAmerican. The idolatry of cash is no way to run a society or country. Regulate and stop your misguided false behavior which criminally hurts the People. Don't be complicit with the Predatory Capitalistic jerks!

—G Weiss MD, Westcliffe, CO

Don't discriminate, keep it neutral. Money isn't everything.

—Nancy Hancock, Livermore, CA

Giving corporations control of anything eventually destroys it because of greed and ignorance and need to control others. This has to stop.

—Ellen Barron, Santa Cruz, CA

Throw out FCC rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.

—Georgan Gregg, Moncure, NC

We don't need or want a two-tiered Internet. Don't discriminate.

—Gary Osland, Laurel, IA

ISP's MUST be designated COMMON CARRIERS. Nothing else makes any sense!

—Judith Salzman, Tucson, AZ

Have any of you ever heard of Alman Strowger? The folks at AT&T and Verizon (formerly GTE) have; I'm not sure about the cable and satellite companies. Strowger invented the first automatic telephone switching system, and the dial on the telephone to go with it, in 1891, and this is why, according to some accounts (and it certainly sounds plausible): he was ... Convinced that it should be subscribers, rather than the operator, who chose who was called - anecdotally, Strowger's undertaking business was losing clients to a competitor whose telephone-operator wife was intercepting and redirecting everyone who called Strowger. -- Wikipedia article on Alman Strowger Strowger, then, believed in "net neutrality" in the telephone network. If you wanted to call Joe's Pizza, you looked up their number, or got it from their flyer ads, and dialed THAT number, not the number of Pizza Baron, Inc. And NOBODY could redirect your call to Pizza Baron, or have an operator come on your line and say "are you SURE you want to call Joe's?" or keep you holding for ten minutes while a recording said "if you're tired of waiting, dial 1 to call Pizza Baron," or (worse) connect you to the FBI, who would arrest you for trying to get a Joe's pizza. On the internet, the equivalent of all of the above are now technically possible (Iran and China routinely do the last one!), but only the TRADITION (it has never been enshrined in law) of Net Neutrality prevents internet providers from doing this to their customers. A business, or a person, or a POLITICAL PARTY or campaign, that could not afford to pay "protection money" to the ISP, or that the ISP management just didn't want to be in business on the internet, could have their email misdirected or cut off, their own web site slowed to a crawl, or their access to browse other web sites likewise misdirected or manipulated. Since the majority of Americans live in places where ONE ISP has a monopoly, or two have a duopoly, this is too much power over individuals for a private company to have. One day, if net neutrality is not protected, a lobbyist could buy an election at the "grass roots" level, by making secret deals with ISPs to ensure that the other side COULD NOT collect online donations from WILLING donors (or worse, as some GOP supporters were caught trying to do by deception, the donations went to THEIR side instead), and thus was practically barred from campaigning. The internet is for everyone. Until a totally wireless, peer to peer network is available to individuals as well as to the ISP companies, it is important to restrict their monopoly power. They should not only be required to handle data from all users equally (although putting streaming video packets ahead of email packets BY TYPE OF DATA is certainly reasonable), they should be forbidden to OWN OR CONTROL their own "customers" in the content provider business, thus ensuring they have no incentive to show any favoritism. In other words, they should be legally classified as common carriers like the telephone network, courier service, or truck lines and railroads. Thank you for taking my comment.

—Allan Richardson, Marietta, GA

The only place to find reliable news.

—Rich Arsenault, Rio Vista, CA

I am a small business person and I use the internet to communicate with clients and dealers. I also have a website. Many people are on the web now for both business and personal communications. We all pay to be on the web and to access the web. And all deserve to have access at the same speed.

—Virginia Wood, Boulde, CO

Please don't let the net become dominated by the huge companies. We all use the net and rely on it and please don't allow discrimination for the little people.

—Nance Nicholls, Davenport, WA

The current system that is implemented is not broken. Having a two-tiered system will discriminate against consumers data and we refuse to believe the cable companies when they say that it wont. Cable companies answer to shareholders and not its consumers.

—Alan Ruiz, Hanover Park, IL

Do you realize how having a lobbyist for cable heading your FCC looks to the public?

—Linda Prerost, Springerville, AZ

Extortion extortion extortion extortion extortion.

—Zoa Keith, Pasadena, CA

I don't get a lot of money, so if net neutrality dies, so will my ability to go online and find employment due to the fact that many places have their applications online. Also this would put a strain on our schools and libraries.

—Phillip B. Mintz, Bowling Green, OH

The Internet is a massive communication medium for all, not just a few large providers. Keep it free.

—Mark Spevak, city, CA

The internet is supposed to have equal access for all. It is a Public Utility.

—Daniel Slade, San Francisco, CA

NO altering of internet content despite whomever owns the cables, NO charging based on content being viewed, NO corporations controlling what is a free source.

—Abra Barker, The Colony, TX

FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler is pushing a plan that would allow rampant discrimination online. If approved, these rules would mean the end of Net Neutrality. Wheeler's plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create a two-tiered Internet, with fast lanes for those who can afford the extra fees and a slow dirt road for the rest of us. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it. This is unacceptable. The only way to protect net neutrality is to reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Marissa Batt, Los Angeles, CA

As a citizen of the United State of America, I equate the right to true net neutrality with my right to free speech, religion, and all the other liberties I have under the constitution. I REFUSE to allow the big corporations like Comcast to dictate how much I should pay for fast internet...just because they can. Please help the people of this country keep their right to the same internet. Don't let big money control your decision making. DO WHAT IS RIGHT!

—Alexandra C Snyder, Atlanta, GA

The corporate elitists who're putting the internet at risk are already spoiled by generations of privilege -- the FCC has NO, as in, less than ZERO obligation to spoil their sorry asses any further ...! ENOUGH! If you're already wallowing in a MTV Cribs lifestyle, you do NOT need the entire internet turned into yet another source of revenue at the expense of the American people! THIS! SHALL! NOT! PASS!

—Saab Lofton, Seattle, WA

If you have to ask why net neutrality matters, you're in the hands of the corporations... signed, sealed, and delivered.

—Atman Johnson, Buckingham, VA

Freedom for all, and not just for those who can afford it....

—Blake Cook, ashtabula, OH

Please remember that the government's job is to protect the people it represents. This deal works only to protect corporations and their profits to the detriment of innovation and the vast majority of Americans. Future generations should be able to benefit from the Internet as we have today.

—Sarah Meister, Minneapolis, MN

Allowing Internet service providers (ISPs) to charge extra fees for faster Internet performance would enable them to discriminate against online content and applications, and is not fair to those who cannot afford the extra premiums and thus must settle for slow Internet service. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers to ensure true Net Neutrality.

—Frederic Desmond, Ocala, FL

Reclassify ISP's as common carriers.

—Ms. Barbara Cowan, Cambridge, MA

It's important to have free internet to keep creativity flowing and give freedom to US citizens and not be ruled by corporations.

—Elizabeth Y., Staten Island, NY

Stop obfuscating and re-classify ISPs as common carriers. Very simple. You're not fooling anyone with your double-speak. Your corporate masters won't like it, but if you do your job, which is to serve the public good, you will honor real net neutrality and tell Comcast and Verizon to take a hike. Tom Wheeler, the corporate lackey, must resign -- way too much corruption here.

—Brenda Balanda, Inverness, CA

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Chasity Hungerford, Kirkland, WA

The neutrality of the internet is VITAL to our country! Side with the people who have elected you, the people whom you are supposed to represent, NOT businesses that want to add even more money to their already huge bottom lines!

—L Dawn Lukas, Redwood Valley, CA

In America, the taxes of the everyday citizens paved the way for much of the current broadband infrastructure to be built. We also pay for internet service, and we pay a lot for something that is considered largely inferior to many other parts of the world. On top of this, now Internet Service Providers such as Comcast want thriving internet businesses, such as Netflix, to pay them as well simply because they are successful. This is triple dipping to the extreme - and it also discourages growth of start-ups and small businesses, by possibly rendering them unable to handle larger bandwidth requirements due to the additional financial strain. I have to stress - users already pay for this! Users made the internet, and Comcast wants to own it. This is not a fair way to do business. Please reclassify ISP's in America as Title II Common Carriers. The internet is the main method of communication these days - and there are many healthy arguments why this is the best option. This would also allow actual competition in America regarding ISP's, and maybe we could catch up with some of the other 1st world countries when it comes to internet speeds. Please, do not let the brilliant setup of the internet die! Do not allow Internet fast lanes - because if you do, there are inevitably internet slow lanes as well. The system is already tiered in having users pay for a selected speed - a double-tiered system would not help anyone but Comcast. There has been a lot of talk about corporations buying out our government. Now is your chance to prove that the FCC still stands for fair assessment of communications in our country. Thank you for your time, Ariel Banks

—Ariel Banks, Pittsburgh, PA

Net Neutrality is good because it allows for a more free market system with the web.

—William OBrien, Beaverton, OR

Can you please act in the interest of John Q. Public and retain real net neutrality. Doesn't the voice of the many trump the money of the few?

—Sylvia Haven, Seattle, WA

Net neutrality is important to uphold the integrity and free speech of the internet. Allowing internet and cable companies to control access opens the door for collusion, corruption, and greed. Open internet has allowed faster growth in information exchange than we have ever seen before. Restricting that diminishes our societal potential and may create greater inequality through unequal distribution of information.

—Andrew Ziller, Golden Valley, MN

Discrimination is unfair to the vast majority of internet users.

—Alexander Cunningham, EDINBURGH,

Democracy.

—Vincent J. Patti, Long Beach, CA

It is not fair to the American people to divide the Internet into different "lanes". This would only increase wealth disparity and further ruin our economy. The very rich people and corporations have been given break after break. It is time to give the people a break and not to pursue your pro-corporate stance. You know the American people are against it in the extreme. You know Pres. Obama made a promise to keep the Internet completely neutral. What you mean by "open Internet" is evidently not the same thing. We are not taken in by your promise to keep an "open Internet."

—Merry Foxworth, The Woodlands, TX

The Internet is crucial to communications among all citizens and must be regarded as a public utility. The ability to use it is a right, not a privilege accorded to those with larger purses.

—Edward Landler, Los Angeles, CA

Protect the Net! Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Kris Lewis, Lexington Park, MD

It keeps the influence of big money away from the dissemination of information.

—Ethan Fein, New York, NY

Equal access to Net Neutrality is the democratic basis that impedes a segregated communication landscape based on purchasing power. The FCC argument that pretends that the proposal is simply to have a fast tier along a faster tier is, at best, a disingenuous way to express two differentiated transmission speeds based on access to money. That is undemocratic, un-American and classist.

—Alonso A. de Araya, Austin, TX

Rule for the people, not corporations.

—Judy L., Carson City, NV

Dear Chairman Wheeler, Make sure net neutrality and "open internet" means the same thing. Don't play with words. I think you know what we mean. We're not sure what you mean. Thanks, Eric

—Eric Ranvig, Acton, MA

With net neutrality gone, ISPs can discriminate, favoring their business partners while delaying or blocking websites they don't like. I am self-employed and depend on the internet for my research and ability to present my findings to my clients on a timely basis.

—Lee Stafford, Bellevue, WA

Access to the internet and a neutral net is vitally important to a free society and informed public.

—Brian Hoffman, Lake Bluff, IL

The Net is for the people, Net Neutrality is the key to the engine.

—Vaughn Reed, Littlefield, AZ

To Whom It May Concern, I respectfully request that you do what can be done to require and maintain net neutrality. The major telecom companies have far too much political clout and effectively block any legitimate competition. If American citizens had real options when it comes to internet access, such throttling could be prevented through market forces, but as it currently stands we need your help. Thank you.

—Samuel Greenlee, Rocklin, CA

Protect access to free speech. Please. Thanks you.

—Andrew Hayes, OAKLAND, CA

No fast lanes. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Susan Narizny, Portland, OR

It is important because without it I would have no access to educational information that is not accessible to me within my local area.

—Salome Mayo, Port Macquarie,

Free speech for all, fairness to all, equality for all, and democracy for everyone. To assure these values for all, the FCC needs to reverse its prior decisions and reclassify Internet access service as "telecommunication services." Please preserve net neutrality by designating broadband as a telecommunications service under the law.

—Claudia Frantz, Fair Oaks, CA

Please abandon your proposed rules for the Internet and reclassify ISPs as common carriers in order to protect real net neutrality.

—Jack Milton, Davis, CA

Without it, my business can not afford to market and sale online. We can not afford hundreds of thousands of dollars to corporate conglomerates for preferential treatment.

—William C. Traylor, Booneville, MS

It allows for competition to exist on the internet.

—Abraham Close, Boiling Springs, SC

I don't want big cable and telecommunication companies slowing my internet down unless they receive higher monthly fees. Cable tv is already way too expensive so leave the internet alone and let the consumers use it as they will. It is too important to the public and if these rules pass it will definitely have a negative effect on many areas including the economy as a whole. Keep net neutrality free!!!

—Joshua R. Fotsch, Washington, IL

Net Neutrality is important because the internet is a revolutionary tool that should be used for the advancement of society, rather than making the pockets of corporations fatter with money. To let corporations have such power is to hinder the advancements of society. To consciously and knowingly deprive society of such a revolutionary tool is to steal from humanity. Throughout history civilizations prospered when they entered their golden ages. The internet has ushered in our own golden age. To hinder this golden age would be horrendous.

—Lee Hostick, Savannah, GA

KEEPS THE FIRST ADMENMENT WORKING

—Patrick Bruce, Terrace,

The internet is suppose to be a free resource for EVERYONE, no one should be left behind while others are getting better service online.

—Christina Nobiling, Moline, IL

RECLASSIFY ISPs AS COMMON CARRIERS!

—Kathy Anaya, Studio City, CA

The US is falling behind the rest of the world in Internet price and performance. This overpriced, reduced flow of information will hurt the US severely in the long term. We need to reverse this trend with the FCC standing up for REAL competition and regulation with serious sanctions for companies that collude or abuse their monopolies, not adding complications that split the Internet into a two class system. Everyone on the Internet at both ends of the pipe (especially in America) should always be treated 1st class, never slowed down in an extortion scheme. If our representative government can't fix this while we the people are demanding positive not negative changes, then when elections come we need to start replacing lax and corrupt politicians to those who are committed to acting for the interests of the populace against those who are beholden to big communications and I for one will become [shudder] an activist.

—Terry Barton, Hurricane, UT

Dear FCC, Please throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. We do NOT need a two-tiered Internet system!! Providers like Comcast and TWCable already have a monopoly. If they are allowed to charge more for faster service, it will essentially prevent the kinds of fair competition that allow our market system to work. Please do your job and protect net neutrality!! Please let the American people know that democracy still works and that our voices can compete with powerful lobbyists.

—Margaret Callahan Steckley, Rochester, NY

Because I cannot pay to go fast. Make the internet the same for everyone.

—Gary L. Passon, Kihei, HI

Countries like North Korea are dysfunctional for a lot of reasons -- not the least of which is the biased and limited information North Korean citizens have to make important decisions. What kind of US citizen would want the same for the United States? Keep the internet open and neutral!

—CT Foster, Lancaster, OH

Dear chairman Wheeler, throw out your absurd rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality! We the people, NOT we the corporations!!!

—Christopher Maioli, Beverly, MA

Money can be used to buy better, more comfortable or more efficient accommodations in many situations, but when the opportunity arises, the principle of equal justice impels all human beings to strive to create a level playing field. The Supreme Court has clarified that the FCC does have the authority to reclassify Internet access as a utility; it is incumbent upon you to act responsibly, in favor of truly equal access for all people.

—Harold Jaffe, Chicago, IL

A neutral internet will enable democratic innovation and creativity by ensuring equal access regardless of economic circumstance. It aids our constitutional right to freedom of speech unhindered by special interests. Re-classification of ISPs as "Common Carriers" is needed in order to preserve the neutrality of the internet. Please listen to US Citizens! We are demanding this right, and you are the body required to protect our rights as citizens. Please do your job. Thank you.

—Francine Lindberg, El Prado, NM

This is THE most crucial issue before us this year - maybe this decade. Your action (or inaction) will be a litmus test on your current term - by people who vote and who organize. Sell the internet to an oligopoly and you'll injure the democracy and the economy irreparably. That will be your legacy. Protect it and that will be your legacy.

—Andrea Swift, Astoria, NY

Democracy

—Marguerite M. Donnay, Melbourne, FL

Net neutrality is important to me because I'm sick and tired of having corporations decide what every aspect of my life is going to look like. Tom Wheeler is a corporate shill who should not be the head of this commission because his only qualification is his willingness to do the bidding of the cable companies. The president must have gotten a huge contribution for appointing this corporate lapdog to this position.

—Charles G Barker, Portland, OR

The internet is becoming a basic utility: it gives us access to information and commerce in much the way that pipes give us access to water or wires give us access to electricity. For that reason, the internet must remain available on an equal basis to all people and corporations. We CANNOT have a "pay for play" scenario, or those with power and privilege will be able to squeeze out those who have none. That is unacceptable and Unamerican. Thank you for your consideration.

—Nick Perry, New York, NY

get your CORRUPT fingers off MY INTERNET---you BASTARDS have destroyed ALL of TV letting corps get MY signal for FREE---
corrupt bastards!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

—j lewis, phx, AZ

I'm not like everybody else. The good people never are. To allow a movie studio to control the pipe to my house is an unfair government picking corporations over the common good. We are watching.

—David Rickmers, Canyon Country, CA

The internet should be regulated as a public utility. Just as electricity and phone lines in the 20th century sped the development of new jobs, the internet could have the same effect in the 21st if regulated as a common carrier.

—Richard Knablin, North Bend, OR

The FCC's proposed Internet rules are terrible. FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler is pushing a plan that would allow rampant discrimination online. If approved, these rules would mean the end of Net Neutrality. Wheeler's plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create a two-tiered Internet, with fast lanes for those who can afford the extra fees and a slow dirt road for the rest of us. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it. I ask the FCC to please to throw out these rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.

—Liz Sigel, Tustin, CA

Why oh why did our "transparent" president hire Wheeler? Everyone knows that Wheeler's proposal is a bad deal. And boy will it backfire on the Democratic Party.

—Dave Bruker, Bloomington, IN

Equal and open access to the internet is one of the few resources in this country that proves we are truly a democracy. How can you guarantee free speech, when a few big corporations hog all the bandwidth? It's all well and good to say we all have an equal voice in society and government, but if wealthy corporations buy their way to a supposed "fast lane", they won't stop there. It's a transparent ploy to push out people and corporations who don't have massive amounts of power and cash, and to extort money from organizations that have large followings. I don't believe that Tom Wheeler is remotely able to make a decision that benefits the American people. I believe he will do exactly what Dick Cheney did if given the chance: use his political influence to enrich his corporate ties to the detriment of the United States and its citizens. No system that gives unequal access to public communication has any place in a society that claims to be a democracy.

—Sheila Stephens, Warren, OH

No one should be able to buy priority. It is discriminatory against small innovative web sites and gives too much advantage to the big rick ones.

—Richard Sirow, W Hempstead, NY

We have spent too many years as captive Comcast customers and will not spend more under an even worse system.

—Cathleen Bataille, TOMS RIVER, NJ

Who do you work for - Corporations, or The People? The People are being as clear as we can, we are shouting: the internet is a utility for ALL. It is a tool of equality. Please rule as such.

—Samuel S Axelrath, Denver, CO

Net Neutrality is important because it allows an equal footing to all who provide content. Each provider, no matter whether they are an individual or a large wealthy corporation, must figure out the best and fastest way to provide their information. This encourages innovation from all providers.

—Marshall Thomas, LAWRENCEVILLE, GA

We can't allow private enterprise to decide whom/what we can view. Un-American, undemocratic (and un-Constitutional?).

—Gerald Pearson, Mayfield Heights, OH

Keeping the internet open and available to everyone is the basic tenant of the internet itself. A system by which ALL can access any information content they so desire. To prevent or restrict the availability through speed or censorship is not only unethical, it is un-American. Do not approve the new set of proposed Internet rules. They are moving backward, not forward.

—Bob Neuzil, Gilbert, AZ

The world is given a most amazing gift and the FCC wants to gut it. Seriously, check yourselves.

—Karin Davies, Schaumburg, IL

Don't let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create a two-tiered Internet, with fast lanes for those who can afford the extra fees and a slow dirt road for the rest of us. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. No one would be able to do anything about it; most sites I frequent may lose.

—Eric B Wynn, St Louis, MO

In our increasingly stratified society, it is VITAL that we maintain some equally accessible public arenas. The internet is one of only a two such places left, the other being radio. Perhaps you find it acceptable that the wealthy gain access to the best of everything, while all of our resources become only available for those with the money to pay for them. But I find that future appalling. Please- re-think your bad decision. The internet ought to be equally accessible to *everyone*.

—Carrie Phylly Rimes, Medford, OR

It is for all people, not just corporations. How can you not be for equality?

—Paula Child, Salt Lake City, UT

This proposal is an unwelcome and unnecessary intrusion into a system which is not broken. It is a naked, open power grab, a violation in the classical sense of the word, and Chairman Wheeler knows it. Scrap this plan posthaste.

—Russell Conner, new orleans, LA

Very little of the playing field for new entrepreneurs is even remotely close to level. Net neutrality protects a large part of what remains, and in a time of growing inequality and corporate consolidation, it is foolish for a free society to willingly diminish this.

—Jason Greaves, Austin, TX

I WANT TO BE ABLE TO ACCESS EACH AND EVERY WEBSITE I WANT TO ACCESS, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THEY PAY OFF INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS TO SPEED UP ACCESS. MY NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION SHOULD NOT HAVE TO PAY A BRIBE IN ORDER FOR OUR WEBSITE TO FUNCTION.

—Martha Mattes, Tulsa, OK

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—Jordan Fuzie, Seattle, WA

Large corporations like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon already control internet services, making large profits by charging the public ever-increasing fees. It is important to protect Net Neutrality so that internet service does not become a two-tiered system, with fast lanes reserved only for those who can afford the extra fees.

—Mr. Norman Yoshida, Portland, OR

THE INTERNET IS NOT YOURS! IT IS OUR CONTENT, THAT WE CREATED, AND IT IS NOT RIGHT TO TAKE IT FROM US. WE NEED INFORMATION, AND YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO WITHHOLD INFORMATION! THAT'S JUST BAD BUSINESS FOR EVERYONE.

—Rusty Hoyle, SEDRO WOOLLEY, WA

My God, does government have to grant giant corporations control of EVERYTHING in America? Enough is enough. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers to protect what has become the most vital form of communication in the world.

—Bill Williamson, Palm Bay, FL

Net neutrality is vital to internet functioning. Regulate it as a public utility. Mr. Wheeler should recuse himself because he is just a lobbyist masquerading as a public servant. Corruption does not come in any more blatant form.

—Robert Poulsen, Santa Cruz, CA

The Internet, like the airwaves, the electric grid and the rad network is a public utility and should be regulated as a monopoly. Otherwise companies will manipulate the infrastructure in the name of corporate profit, not in the public interest. As a result, innovation, free speech and the enablement of an open market, facilitated by this public utility will be at risk. If it is important to regulate other utilities, it is equally important to regulate the Internet.

—Roger Jollis, Leawood, KS

Throw out Your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. I am tired of big business with a lot of money running our life's and making it more expensive for all of us.

—Charlene Wikholm, Elbow Lake, MN

The Net is the future of communications. Everyone, rich or poor should have equal access just as everyone had equal postal mail access through US Post Office.

—Rachel Parnell, New Bern, NC

The internet is an amazing tool. If it is "neutral," it can function as an asset to freedom, democracy, communication and therefore true progress. If it is controlled by large corporations for profit, those benefits will be lost. Thank you for your consideration.

—Theresa Day, Milwaukie, OR